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**Antonio Francisco Marquez receives a 40 year prison sentence for sexually abusing three children**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that on Friday February 7, 2020, 42-year-old Antonio Francisco Marquez – who was a former recruiter for the United States Army – received a 40 year prison sentence for sexually abusing three young girls.

“This was particularly heinous abuse that spanned for years,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Melissa Marrero, who prosecuted this case. “Mr. Marquez’s conduct was unconscionable. This investigation only started after one of the young victims very bravely came forward with her report of abuse. The subsequent investigation spanned the country and involved multiple jurisdictions. The investigation resulted in law enforcement identifying a total of six victims of sexual abuse.”

DDA Marrero told the court that law enforcement also discovered hundreds, if not thousands, of images of child pornography that Mr. Marquez not only collected, but in many cases, created while abusing his victims.

Three of the six victims live in Oregon. The other three live out of state, which is where they were sexually abused, according to law enforcement. As stated in court during Friday’s sentencing hearing, Marquez could face additional prosecution for conduct that occurred outside Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office regularly communicated with the victims and their families about the pretrial negotiations. They all support this resolution.

“There is a great sense of relief for everyone involved that Mr. Marquez will never be able to do this again to another child,” said DDA Marrero.

In September of 2019, Marquez changed his plea to guilty. The court convicted him of three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, three counts of using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct, three counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the second degree and two counts of sodomy in the first degree.

By pleading guilty, Marquez admitted that he, on multiple occasions, unlawfully and knowingly subjected three females, all of whom were under the age of 12, to sexual contact by touching sexually intimate parts of their bodies; that he engaged in oral sex with two of the minors; that he unlawfully and knowingly employed, authorized, and permitted all three minor victims to engage in sexually explicit conduct and recorded them in separate visual recordings; and that he unlawfully possessed and

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knowingly accessed, with intent, multiple visual recordings of sexually explicit conduct involving a child while consciously disregarding the fact that the creation of the recordings involved child sexual abuse.

These crimes occurred between 2015 and May 2018.

All of the victims in this case are known to Marquez, but there is no family relationship.

The victims in this case, and members of their families, do not want media contact. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office is requesting media refrain from attempting to or actually contacting them.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes Multnomah County Sheriff Detectives Kevin Odil, Greg Vining, and Daren Taber and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent Christopher Graves for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

We also recognize Victim Advocate Malia Bruni for the support and advocacy she provided the victims and their families in this case.

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